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HINTS ON THE CARE OF PEAFOWL.

Peafowl are rather rarely bred in the United States. They are kept principally for ornament, and there probably is not a very large market for them either for this purpose or for food. The birds seem to do well when left almost entirely to their own resources. They should, however, receive a quantity of dry grain for food in addition to what they can pick up. They require also green food, as cabbage, lettuce, young grain, etc. Peafowl are wild and impatient of confinement and really need no more shelter than is afforded by thick shrubbery for the nests of the females, and by trees in which they can roost. They lay 6 to 12 eggs, and the young remain with the female until the following breeding season. If the birds are kept in confined runs, care should be taken that all surroundings are kept very clean and that fresh clean food is furnished daily. Whether they are free or confined, a plentiful supply of fresh water should always be accessible.

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DEALERS IN PEAFOWL.

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American Game Association, Coronado Bldg., Denver, Colo.
G. D. Tilley, Darien, Conn.
Mrs. H. L. Hunt, Hillside, Concordia, Kans.
Chiles & Company, Mt. Sterling, Ky.
Bloomfield Farms, 1730 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
Horne's Zoological Arena, Room 5, Kansas City, Mo.
Edw. L. Bucher, 299 Market St., Newark, N. J.
Otselic Farms, Whitney Point, N. Y.
Baldwin Palmer, Villa Serena, Sea Cliff, L. I., N. Y.
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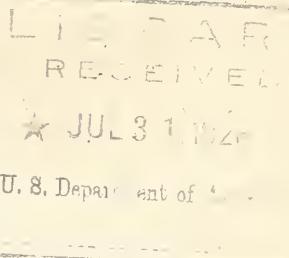
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Peafowl are wild and impatient of confinement and need no more shelter than is afforded by thick shrubbery for the nests of the females, and by the trees in which they can roost. Peahens seldom lay during their first year, but do lay one or two eggs their second and third years, gradually increasing the number until their full complement of six to a dozen is reached. The young remain with the female until the following breeding season.

If the birds are kept in confined runs, care should be taken that all surroundings are clean and that good food is furnished daily. Whether they are free or confined, a plentiful supply of fresh water should always be accessible. Young peacocks do not get their long train until the third year.

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- F. J. Garmican, Apopka, Fla.
- Reil's Seed Company, Sarasota, Fla.
- John Hass, Bettendorf, Iowa.
- Chiles & Co., Mount Sterling, Ky.
- Kentucky Pheasantry, Lexington, Ky.
- Charles F. Denley, Rockville, Md.
- F. C. Wilbert, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Horne's Zoological Arena, Kansas City, Mo.
- Dr. W. F. Pauly, Kahoka, Mo.
- J. Thomas, 76 Leigh Avenue, Princeton, N. J.
- Twin Brook Game Farm, Middleton, N. J.
- Henry Bartels, 72 Cortland Street, New York, N. Y.
- Max Geisler Bird Company, 50 Cooper Square, New York, N. Y.
- Louis Ruhe Inc., 351 Bowery, New York, N. Y.
- Edgemere Game Farm, Troy, Ohio.
- Possom Hollow Game Farm, R. D. No. 9, Springfield, Ohio.
- Happy Hollow Game Farm, Seaside, Oreg.

Wm. J. Mackensen, Yardley, Pa.
Carolina Game Yards, Greenville, S. C.
A. W. Kirkpatrick & Son, Whitesburg, Tenn.
W. A. Hoyt, White Water, Wis.
G. H. Corsan, Islington, Ontario, Canada.

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